



# MAYFLOWER COLLEGE

## English language courses



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# Welcome





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### **Plymouth - The City**

Plymouth, with a population of 275,000, is a city with something for everyone - culture, entertainment, history and exciting activities. It is a great place to come to study.

Visit the Barbican and see the Mayflower Steps where the Pilgrim Fathers set sail in 1620 on a ship called "The Mayflower", on their famous voyage to America. The National Marine Aquarium with the deepest tank in Europe is also located on the Barbican.

See the beautiful landscape of Dartmoor. It is a place full of history with its stone circles and Bronze Age ruins. Dartmoor has its own collection of myths and legends. A good selection of outdoor activities is also available such as hiking, climbing and horse-riding.

Plymouth's city centre has a wide range of shops for all budgets including stylish boutiques, bookshops and gift shops. You will also find an exciting range of restaurants, cafés and bars.

Plymouth is a coastal city. There are many possibilities to have fun on the water; for example, canoeing, sailing, diving and windsurfing. Boat trips to view the harbour and Drake's Island leave from The Hoe and Barbican regularly.

#### **Other attractions and facilities include:**

- Swimming pools
- Sports centres
- Golf courses
- Multi-plex cinema
- Bowling alleys
- Casinos
- Arts centre
- Libraries
- Museums
- Nationally acclaimed theatre and concert venue
- Dry-ski slope and toboggan run

### **The College**

The Mayflower College has a friendly, supportive and caring atmosphere. The established team of administrative and teaching staff always strives to work together in the best interests of the students. We offer an outstanding quality of teaching and help with accommodation, student welfare and travel arrangements. The college also offers:

- 20 comfortable classrooms with Internet access
- Self-study room
- Library facility
- Computer room with 20 terminals
- Free high speed Internet access and email
- A student pub called 'Pilgrims Inn'
- Cafeteria
- 2 roof gardens with stunning views of Plymouth harbour

The college is located just 100 metres from the seafront in an area of Plymouth known as The Hoe. Just a 10-minute walk from Plymouth City Centre you will find yourself in a relaxed and calm environment. There are four public tennis courts next to the college and also a doctor's clinic in case of sickness.

**Excellent teachers,  
enthusiasm of staff,  
warm and informal  
atmosphere, interesting  
lessons and  
personal care.**

**Maria – France**

### **Students**

The Mayflower College has a truly international atmosphere. Every year students from more than 50 different countries attend our courses. Consequently our students have a wonderful opportunity to meet people from all over the world and to exchange ideas and experiences (of course, all in English!). Many of our students come to Mayflower College on the recommendation of their friends, colleagues or relatives who have previously studied here.

### **Teaching**

Our teaching team are highly experienced, enthusiastic professionals committed to improving our students' English language skills. Students are helped to express themselves freely, to understand how the language works and to transfer theory into practice in realistic situations. We use a variety of modern teaching materials and multi-media tools to enable students to make the most of their time with us. Our goal is that each class should be effective, interesting and enjoyable.

**The timetable for a typical day of 5 hours tuition would be lessons from 09:30 to 11:10, 11:30 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 16:00.**



*View of the  
harbour from  
the Mayflower  
College roof  
terrace*





# The Courses



## General English

Students may choose to study for 15 hours per week (course number 1.1) or 25 hours per week (course number 1.2). These courses concentrate on improving students' confidence, fluency and accuracy in using English. All aspects of the language are covered including:

- Comprehensive coverage of grammar
- Authentic reading and listening exercises
- Group communication
- Expansion of vocabulary

We offer courses for students from elementary to advanced level (but not for complete beginners). Students may begin their course on any Monday and study for 1 to 48 weeks.

## Professional Executives

These courses combine General English classes in a group (maximum class size of 10) together with individual tuition. On the basis of a detailed analysis, the courses are designed to meet the needs and objectives of each individual student. Students can choose different combinations of 25, 30 or 35 hours per week.

## Individual Tuition (course number 3.1)

On the basis of a detailed analysis, these courses are designed to meet the needs and objectives of each individual student.

## Teachers of English (course number 7.1)

This course is designed for non-native teachers of English and has three main objectives:

- Language fluency
- British education and culture
- Communicative methodology

In addition, the course provides a forum for participants to share their experiences as teachers of English and to collaborate in developing materials and teaching ideas to take home.

These courses are eligible for Comenius/Socrates funding. Please refer to [www.maycoll.co.uk/socrates.html](http://www.maycoll.co.uk/socrates.html) for more information including course dates.

## English with project work (course number 7.5)

This course offers a tailor-made combination of English language classes and project or research work. This course is for groups only (minimum 10 participants) and includes:

- Street questionnaires
- Guest speakers
- Presentations by participants
- Cultural excursions
- Visits to local companies

## Example Lesson Plan General English (course number 1.1) - 09:30 to 12:30

Day	Topic	Skills	Structure/Function
Monday	People and relationships Famous people Friendship	Talking about the characters in a 'Soap' Writing an e-mail and an informal letter about yourself	Describing people Friendship expressions English in pop songs
Tuesday	Job routines Time management Work	Writing a business letter Talking about rules and regulations Reading an article on how to make lists and manage your time	Questions and answers / Narrative building Sayings about time Time prepositions and expressions
Wednesday	News and media Newspaper stories Paparazzi	Listening to radio news broadcasts Conversations giving personal news	Colloquial expressions / Appropriacy Present perfect tense for recent events
Thursday	Leisure activities Stress and relaxation Books, films and music	Reading web-pages on film information and reviews Giving opinions Talking about ways of relaxing	'Like doing' and 'would like to' Writing: Linking ideas and arguments Present Simple tense for habits and routines
Friday	Weekly test Travel Holidays	Writing holiday postcards Reading an extract from 'The Beach'	Tense review Ways of communicating Describing places



IELTS (The International English Language Testing System) is now one of the most popular English language examinations in the world. IELTS assesses candidates' English in each of the four main skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

- International students wishing to enter a British university
- People who require an English language qualification for professional reasons
- Highly Skilled Migrant Workers Programme visa applicants

## IELTS Preparation Courses

**1-week IELTS Preparation Course**  
(course number 12.0)

- A 5-day course focusing on specific techniques for the examination.
- This course is offered once every month immediately before the day of the examination.

**4 week IELTS Preparation Course  
(course number 12.3)**

- This is an extensive preparation course for the IELTS examination. Students concentrate on relevant skills development with substantial practice in a wide range of materials.

**12 week IELTS Preparation Course**  
(course number 12.6)

- This course is designed for students with a slightly lower level of English who require more thorough preparation for the examination. Emphasis is placed on language development prior to implementing the skills necessary to gain a satisfactory IELTS result. Further details about all courses, test dates, fees and enrolment are available on our website **[www.mavcoll.co.uk/ielts.html](http://www.mavcoll.co.uk/ielts.html)**



ICAO has introduced new standards which mean that all air traffic controllers and pilots working internationally now need to have a minimum level of English ("Operational Level 4"). Mayflower College offers:

- Classroom-based courses for pilots and ATCO's.
- Internet-based courses for pilots and ATCO's.
- Courses for teachers of Aviation English.
- Courses in how to apply the ICAO language proficiency scale.
- Test of English for Aviation (TEA).

Further information can be found at  
**[www.aviation-english.com](http://www.aviation-english.com)**

**Our lessons are very good. We speak a lot in small groups and have lots of different activities – we are always learning a lot.**

**Marco-Italy**







# Junior Activity Courses

Course number 4.1

**Excellent organisation,  
really helpful, very  
good teachers, good  
atmosphere of the  
lessons. Thankyou  
very much indeed.**

*Judit - Hungary*



### Junior Activity Courses (course number 4.1)

These courses are for students aged 13-17 years and run in June, July and August. Courses for 'closed groups' are also available throughout the year. As a small school, Mayflower College is able to ensure that every student receives personal attention and supervision.

#### What's included?

- 15 hours of English tuition per week in multi-national classes
- Maximum of 15 students per class
- Various supervised activities 5 afternoons per week
- Full-day excursion every Saturday
- A supervised evening disco once a week
- Qualified and experienced teachers
- Carefully selected host families
- Bus ticket for travel within Plymouth
- Free high-speed internet access and email

### Junior Welfare & Safety

At Mayflower College we do all we can to ensure that our juniors have a fun, enjoyable and safe stay in Plymouth. The welfare and safety of all Mayflower College students is of paramount importance.

The host family accommodation is carefully selected and monitored by the Accommodation Officer. Junior students can expect:

- Full board accommodation (Breakfast, packed lunch & evening meal)
- Private bedroom or a twin bedded room (sharing with a student of a different native language)
- Light laundry
- Bed linen and towels provided
- Care and attention as a member of the host family
- Opportunity to speak English in the host family
- Free bus pass for travel within Plymouth
- To be met by the host family upon arrival in Plymouth and to be escorted to their point of departure from Plymouth

It is possible for juniors to travel to Plymouth from London by train, plane and private taxi. Juniors aged 14 years and older can also travel by National Express coach. Please refer to "Travelling to Plymouth" for more information and details of our student 'Meet and Greet' service.

### English Tuition

The course includes:

- Social and functional English
- Language awareness including tense review and study of relevant grammatical structures
- Pronunciation including phonetic sounds, stress and rhythm
- Idiomatic and colloquial expressions

Throughout the course the lessons will aim to use listening, reading, speaking and writing in a fully integrated and natural way.

#### Afternoon Activities

Every week day afternoon the junior students follow a pre-arranged programme of activities, workshops and visits. These activities allow the students to practise their English language and to mix socially with their classmates. There is also a weekly disco for Mayflower College of English students. Teachers supervise all of these activities.

**I really enjoyed my time here. The best thing was the people like the teachers and students.**

**Janik-Mexico**

### An example 2 week Junior Activity Programme

#### Week 1

Monday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Tour of Plymouth 13:30 - 15:30
Tuesday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Swimming or Ice Skating 13:30 - 16:00
Wednesday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Boat Trip 13:30 - 17:00 Private Disco 19:00 - 22:00
Thursday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Drama Workshop 13:30 - 16:00
Friday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	National Marine Aquarium 13:30 - 16:00
Saturday	Meet 09:45, Return 17:30 Exeter Cathedral & Dartmoor	

#### Week 2

Monday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Basketball Workshop 13:30 - 17:00
Tuesday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Quay West Water Park 13:30 - 15:30
Wednesday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Pottery 13:30 - 17:00 Private Disco 19:00 - 22:00
Thursday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Cinema 13:30 - 16:00
Friday	English Lessons 09:00 - 12:00	Ten-pin Bowling 13:30 - 17:00
Saturday	Meet 09:45, Return 17:30 Excursion to Woodlands Fun Park	

### Accommodation

To give students the maximum opportunity to practise their English in a real-life situation, Mayflower College will arrange accommodation in one of our carefully selected host families. All of our host families are inspected and monitored by our Accommodation Officer.

#### Mayflower College students can expect:

- A private bedroom
- Breakfast and evening meal from Monday to Friday and full board at the weekends
- Light laundry
- Bed linen and towels
- A safe, comfortable and friendly environment

It is our policy not to accommodate more than one person of the same native language in the same host family.

If host family accommodation is not appropriate then we are able to provide advice about local guest houses and hotels.



### Social activities and excursions

One of the reasons for studying English in England is to be able to practise English outside the classroom and to experience British culture.

#### Free Saturday Excursions

Free excursions to surrounding places of interest/beauty are provided every Saturday. A guide or teacher accompanies the excursion to ensure that students get the most out of the day.

#### Student Committee

The Mayflower College Student Committee is run by Mayflower students for Mayflower students. The Student Committee regularly organises social activities including bowling tournaments, basketball games, ice-skating, karaoke, quiz afternoons and trips to the cinema.

#### Student Pub - 'Pilgrims Inn'

The Mayflower College has its own private pub called 'Pilgrims Inn', especially for Mayflower College students and their friends. We organise:

- "Welcome Evening" for new students
- International food nights
- Karaoke
- Pool tournaments
- Quizzes

The 'Pilgrims Inn' is not open to the general public so students are able to relax and socialise in their own special place.



### Travelling to Plymouth

**By Road** - Approximately 4 hours from London with regular coach services from the London airports. Mayflower College will be pleased to arrange tickets for National Express coaches from your arrival point in the UK to Plymouth. Timetables and prices available on request or visit [www.nationalexpress.co.uk](http://www.nationalexpress.co.uk)

Private taxi transfers are also available. Prices available on request.

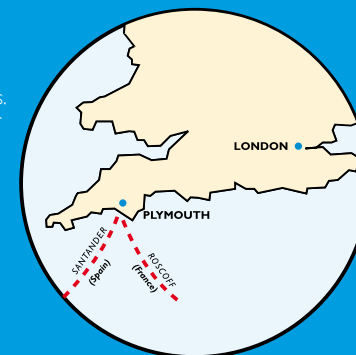
**By Ferry** - Direct crossings to Plymouth on Brittany Ferries from Spain and France [www.brittanyferries.co.uk](http://www.brittanyferries.co.uk)

**By Air** - Regular, low cost flights are available from Gatwick to Plymouth Airport with Air South West [www.airsouthwest.com](http://www.airsouthwest.com)

**By Train** - For information about train ticket prices and train timetables visit [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

### Meet & Greet Service

Mayflower College is able to organise a Meet and Greet service at the London airports. A representative of Mayflower College meets the student after immigration control and then escorts her/him to the train/coach station for the journey to Plymouth. This service is highly recommended for junior students travelling alone.



### How to enrol

Complete and send the enrolment form and entrance test with a deposit of £150 to the Mayflower College. The enrolment form gives details of how to pay. When we have received the completed form, test and deposit, you will be sent an official registration letter (which you can use for visa purposes).

You can also enrol online at [www.maycoll.co.uk](http://www.maycoll.co.uk)



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